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SUBJECT: LOCAL ELECTIONS: VOTERS WEED OUT THE PARTIES

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1. COUNTING OF VOTES FOR COUNCILLORS TO 26 DISTRICT COUNCILS IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS ONLY HALF COMPLETED. HOWEVER CERTAIN TRENDS HAVE EMERGED. IN RELATIVELY LIGHT TURN-OUT, PERHAPS 60 PER CENT OK THOSE ELIGIBLE MAY 18, FIRST PREFERENCE VOTERS AND TRANSFERABLE VOTES ESTABLISHED OFFICIAL UNIONISTS AS DOMINANT PARTY WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) SECOND AND ALLIANCE AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS CONTESTING FOR THIRD LARGEST NUMBER OF SEATS. PAISLEY'S DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS HAVE COUNFOUNDED PUNDITS BY STRENGTH AND IT APPEARS ALLIANCE IS BENEFITTING FROM BOTH DISAFFECTED VANGUARD, UNIONIST PARTY NORTHERN IRELAND AND BAIRD'S UNITED UNIONIST PARTY SEEM TO HAVE REACHED END OF POLITICAL VIABILITY.

2. ELECTION DAY WAS RELATIVELY PEACEFUL ALTHOUGH SHOTS WERE FIRED AT POLICE GUARDING TWO POLLING PLACES IN CATHOLIC WEST BELFAST. THE REMARKABLE BUT UNNOTICED ASPECT OF THESE INCIDENTS

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IS THAT THE UNIFORMED POLICE WERE THERE AT ALL. PROVISIONAL IRA ATTEMPTED ENFORCE BOYCOTT OF POLL IN SOME AREAS BUT EFFORTS UNCOORDINATED AND GENERALLY INEFFECTUAL.SPICER

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